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Swine Flu
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) the number of cases of Influenza- A H1N1 (Swine Flu) and related deaths reported in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/ UT-wise including Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether the Government has reviewed the preparedness of the States/ UTs and adequacy of availability of drugs and vaccines to deal with this seasonal disease;

(c) if so, the details and the outcome thereof indicating the financial and technical assistance including drugs/vaccines provided to the States/UTs for prevention, diagnosis and treatment of Influenza-A H1N1, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the further measures being taken by the Government for proper management of seasonal epidemic like Influenza-A H1N1 and creation of health infrastructure for its detection and treatment?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)
(a): Cases of Influenza-A H1N1 (Swine Flu) and related deaths reported in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT −wise including Uttar Pradesh is at Annexure.

(b) to (d): Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has reviewed the preparedness of the States / UTs to deal with seasonal outbreak of Influenza A H1N1.

Government has been proactive and has taken series of action to mitigate and contain the impact of Influenza A H1N1(also called "Swine flu"). While health is a State subject, the Central Government has been closely monitoring the Influenza A H1N1 outbreak situation and remains in regular touch with the affected State / Union Territory Governments.
Union Secretary (Health) has written to Chief Secretary on 24th October, 2016 regarding Influenza preparedness and has provided guidance and offered support, among others, for training their doctors on ventilatory management. A video conference meeting by Addl. Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare was held on 20th February, 2017 with the recently affected State/UT health representative to review preparedness and response measures against Influenza A H1N1.
Advisory has been issued to all the States and UTs. The guidelines on risk categorization, clinical management, home care, use of masks, vaccination etc. have been updated and made available on the website of the Ministry. Laboratories to test samples have been identified. Stocks of drug Oseltamivir, laboratory reagents and Personal Protective Equipment have been kept with institutions under Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to support States / UTs reporting Seasonal Influenza.